

January 4, 2006

Minutes of a Meeting of Senate held on the above date at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber, Room E3-262 Engineering Building

Members Present

Dr. E.J.E. Szathmáry,
Chair
Mr. K. Adane
Prof. J. Anderson
Prof. T. Anna
Prof. U. Annakkage
Prof. R. Baydack
Prof. T. G. Berry
Prof. M. Birouk
Prof. T. Booth
Prof. M. Brabston
Ms. J. Bunn
Dean Care
Prof. K. Clare
Prof. K. Coombs
Dean J. Cooper
Dean J. de Vries
Dean J. Doering
Prof. B. Dronzek
Ms. A. Ducas
Prof. J. Embree
Prof. E. Etcheverry
Prof. C. Eyland
Dean G. Feltham
Prof. M. Gabbert
Prof. J. Ghomeshi
Ms. E. Goldie
Prof. Y. Gong
Ms. B. Hamilton
Prof. P. Hawranik
Mr. L. Hildebrand
Dean D. Hrycaiko
Dr. R. Kerr
Dr. J. Keselman
Dean L. King
Prof. P. King
Prof. G. Krause
Ms. M. Kuzmeniuk
Ms. C. Leach
Mr. N. Lesage
Prof. J. Long
Prof. K. MacKay
Ms. M. Maharaj

Ms. D. McCallum
Prof. M. McKay
Prof. A. McNicol
Ms. A. Meisner
Mr. B. Miller
Mr. A. Moreau
Dr. D. Morphy
Dean R. Mullaly
Dr. W. Norrie
Prof. S. Prentice
Ms. C. Presser
Dean D. Ruth
Dean D. Sandham
Dean G. Sevenhuysen
Dean R. Sigurdson
Prof. P. Singal
Prof. D. Smyth
Rector J. Stapleton
Ms. C. Steer
Prof. C. Taylor
Mr. G. Thompson
Dean M. Trevan
Prof. J. Van Rees
Prof. L. Wallace
Prof. J. Welsh
Dean M. Whitmore
Dean D. Witty
Mr. H. Xu
Dean S. Zelenitsky
Prof. P. Zahradka
Mr. J. Leclerc,
University Secretary
Ms. N. Schneider,
Recording Secretary

Assessors Present

Prof. C. Blais
Mr. P. Dueck
Ms. M. Gallant
Prof. N. Hunter
Prof. S. Kouritzin
Dr. R. Lobdell
Mr. N. Marnoch
Prof. K. Matheos

Ms. C. Van De Kerckhove

Regrets

Ms. A. Aziz
Ms. H. Brownlee
Dr. P. Cattini
Prof. L. Connor
Dean I. Diallo
Rectrice R. Gagné
Prof. G. Geller
Mr. D. Gordon
Dr. K. Grant
Prof. G. Hatch
Dr. D. Jayas
Prof. L. Kirshenbaum
Mr. G. Kler
Prof. C. Kristjanson
Prof. P. Nickerson
Prof. J. Owens
Dean A. Percival
Mr. S. Reddy
Mr. T. Sargeant
Ms. C. Schultz
Mr. D. Smith
Mr. H. Su
Prof. T. Sullivan
Dean J. Wiens
Mr. C. Yeung
Mr. R. Zegalski

Absent

Prof. S. Abeysekera
Prof. W. Akinremi
Ms. A. Atkinson
Very Rev. R. Bozyk
Ms. S. Cheung
Ms. A. Dufour
Prof. E. Epp
Ms. B. Famuyide
Ms. H. Fernandes
Prof. E. Forget
Dr. G. Gerbrandt
Dr. J. Hoskins

Prof. P. Hultin
Prof. J. Irvine
Prof. T. Ivanco
Mr. G. Jawanda
Prof. S. Kirby
Prof. B. Law
Prof. S. Mai
Prof. R. Mazurat
Prof. S.
McLachlan
Prof. J. Nagy
Prof. J. Page
Prof. S. Pistorius
Prof. D. Polyzois
Dr. C. Rabinovitch
Dr. J. Raymond
Ms. L. Robson
Dean H. Secter
Prof. S. Taylor-
Henley
Prof. C. Trott
Prof. M. Vrontakis
Ms. C. Wallcraft
Ms. M. Wayne
Prof. K.
Wrogemann
Prof. A. Young
Mr. S. Zamick

Also Present

Mr. J. Alho
Mr. D. Barbour
Mr. S. Dorge
Ms. D. Kaspersion
Ms. L. Leonhardt
Ms. M. Rollins
Dr. L. Smith
Ms. T.
Venderheart
Ms. L. Woodrow

Dr. Szathmáry wished everyone a happy new. She advised Senate that the speaker of the Senate Executive was Professor Kelly MacKay.

PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. McCallum, Vice-President (Administration) made a presentation regarding the fiscal challenges faced by the University of Manitoba. The presentation reviewed the operating revenues for 2004-2005 and the projected operating expenses for 2006-07. The approach used to derive the projections in the annual "Estimates" process is defined by the Council on Post-Secondary Education. The University is projecting a shortfall of \$18.2 million just to maintain status quo in 2006-07. Attached to the minutes is a copy of Mrs. McCallum's presentation.

Professor Etcheverry wondered how the University compared to other universities and colleges in Manitoba. In response, Mrs. McCallum noted that both the Universities of Brandon and Winnipeg have asked for a large percentage increase in their grants. She indicated she did not know what the colleges had requested.

Professor Anderson thanked Mrs. McCallum for the informative presentation. She requested confirmation that the funds the University receives in lieu of a tuition increase, is always calculated on the 1999 tuition fee base, rather than compounded year after year. Mrs. McCallum confirmed that was the case.

In response to a question regarding running a deficit, Mrs. McCallum noted that the University is not permitted to have a deficit, but the Universities of Alberta, British Columbia and Regina are all projecting deficits. Dr. Szathmáry added that in Manitoba there must be a balanced budget, i.e. a deficit can not be run. This is one reason the University of Manitoba can not catch up to other universities (lack of funds) although the expectation is the University must be competitive with them. The Province feels it is giving large sums of money, and it is, but still not enough to sustain basic operating needs of the University.

Professor Cooper commented that donors need to be aware that their money does not go to support operating budgets.

Ms. Leach wondered if the information in the presentation was publicly available. Dr. Szathmáry indicated that some of the information could be found in the annual financial report, some on the web, and the December *Bulletin* had some of the charts and figures.

Professor McKay wondered why, given this financial situation, the University is allowing an increase in enrolment and allowing new programs? Dr. Szathmáry responded that enrolment is levelling off and there is actually a decrease in the number of credit hours taken by students. As well, demographics indicate that there will continue to be a decrease in enrolments. The University has accepted students as it needs the tuition revenues from them to balance the budget. In regard to new programs, Dr. Szathmáry responded that there is always a report from the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee for new programs and this report indicates if there is a need for new money. Senate may approve the program, but the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost decides if the program will be implemented. It is rare that new money is needed for a new program. Generally the University can handle the costs/resource needs within the

University. Many new programs are often necessary to keep pace with the requirements in the job market.

Professor Etcheverry wondered how many members of the Council on Post-Secondary Education were present at the University's presentation. Mrs. McCallum responded that four of the ten members were present. Professor Etcheverry wondered if there would be a chance for another presentation. Mrs. McCallum responded that there will be a meeting with the NDP caucus.

I MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION - NONE

II MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE

1. Report of the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies Page 17

The Faculty of Graduate Studies is proposing a variety of course deletions, modifications and introductions. This includes deletions and introductions of courses in the Faculties of Arts and Science, a course modification in the Faculty of Education and a course deletion in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences.

Professor McKay advised that that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

It was MOVED by Professor Doering, seconded by Dr. Keselman THAT Senate approve the Report of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, dated November 18, 2005.

CARRIED

III MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

1. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards - Part A Page 21

At its meeting on November 24, 2005, the Senate Committee on Awards approved 4 new awards, 3 award amendments and 1 award withdrawal [as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated November 24, 2005]. All these award decisions comply with the published guidelines of November 3, 1999, and are reported to Senate for information.

Ms. Van De Kerckhove questioned if the W.J. Patrick Kellerman award was discriminatory? In response, Mr. Dueck noted that the Committee had not considered it as discriminatory. He noted that Policy 419 states what criteria would be considered discriminatory and "disability" is not listed in the policy. In response to a question asked regarding how old the policy was, Mr. Dueck responded it was approved by Senate in 2000.

2. **In Memoriam Professor A.B. (Sandy) Thorton-Trump** Page 25

Dr. Ruth spoke in tribute to Professor Thorton-Trump. Dr. Ruth fondly recalled Professor Thorton-Trump's nickname of T². He was a man who taught others how to live their lives. He lived bravely, with dignity and grace and will be missed.

3. **ELECTION OF SENATE REPRESENTATIVES**

a) **To the Senate Executive Committee** Page 26

The University Secretary opened nominations. Dean Witty nominated Dean Doering. Ms. Ducas nominated Dean Whitmore. Professor Booth moved that nominations close, seconded by Dean Cooper. A secret ballot election was held, and Dean Whitmore was declared **ELECTED** to the Senate Executive for a term ending May 31, 2006.

VI **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Dr. Szathmáry wished all members of Senate a happy new year.

Dr. Kerr, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, reported that the Student Information System would be going live in the spring, for the 2006-2007 regular session. Registration under the new system would occur in July. Some of the modules have gone live in January. There will be training sessions for those who use the system.

Ms. Van De Kerckhove questioned how students would know that there has been a change in the numbering system for courses. Mr. Marnoch replied that there is a conversion table available on the Registrars' web page and in the spring there will be information available to students.

Dr. Keselman, Vice-President (Research), reported Dr. Lesley Degner, Professor of Nursing and 2005 Recipient of the Dr. John M. Bowman Memorial Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation Award would be giving a Public Lecture Thursday January 5, 2006 at the Drake Centre.

Mrs. McCallum, Vice-President (Administration), reported that the winter closure of the University was basically uneventful. However, there was one incident where by two vehicles drove through the east doors of Fletcher Argue, trying to steal the ATM.

Mrs. McCallum also reported on the Strategic Initiatives Process. This is the principle means by which the University re-aligns its resources. Mrs. McCallum noted that the handed-out report shows what has occurred faculty by faculty during this process. She led Senate through the report, and clarified issues as they arose.

Dr. Szathmáry noted that with the SIP, not only have vacated positions been filled and

returned to Faculties, but, the University has also been able to create 50 academic and 32 new support staff positions as well as balance the operating budget by using some SIP dollars for that purpose.

Mrs. Goldie, Vice-President (External), reported that in December the alumni magazine *On Manitoba* was mailed to graduates. Based upon previous feedback from focus groups, the magazine has a new format and used a different quality of paper.

Mrs. Goldie noted that there is a call for nomination for an alumni representative to the Board of Governors. She also noted there are several upcoming alumni events: Calgary, March 29, Edmonton, March 30, Vancouver, April 26, and Victoria, April 27. Mrs. Goldie also reminded Senate of the University of Manitoba Night at the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra January 20 and 21 and at the Manitoba Moose on March 18, 2006.

V QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were received prior to 10:00 a.m. on the day preceding the meeting, nor were any raised on the floor of Senate.

**VI CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2005**

In response to a question asked regarding the recording of questions of Senate, Dr. Szathmáry noted that the Chair of Senate determines whether or not a question is appropriate for Senate. The questions she read out at the last meeting – which contained the essence of each elaborately worded question – are correctly recorded in the minutes.

It was MOVED by Dean Cooper, seconded by Dr. Keselman, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on December 7, 2005 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

VII BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

**VIII REPORTS OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AND THE SENATE PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

1. **Report of the Senate Executive Committee** **Page 27**
2. **Report of the Senate
Planning and Priorities Committee**

Professor Hunter reported that the Committee has not met since the last Senate meeting.

**IX REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES OF SENATE,
FACULTY AND SCHOOL COUNCILS**

1. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards - Part B

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At its meeting on November 24, 2005, the Senate Committee on Awards reviewed 1 new application that appears to be discriminatory under policy number 419 on Non-Acceptance of Discriminatory Scholarships, Bursaries, or Fellowships. The Committee received letters of support for the Renee and Dr. John Matas Scholarship from Dr. Dean Sandham, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and from Ms. Kali Storm, Director of the Aboriginal Student Centre.

The Committee recommends that Senate approve and recommend that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Renee and Dr. John Matas Scholarship.

Professor McKay advised that that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

It was MOVED by Professor Baydack on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve and recommend that the Board of Governors approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards PART B [dated November 24, 2005.

CARRIED

2. Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Review

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This report provides an update on completed Graduate Program reviews. Several reviews have been completed, and are available in Deans/Heads offices.

A memorandum of understanding has been entered into between the Universities in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, which commits the institutions to conduct audits to ensure that program reviews are present at all of the participating universities.

In speaking to the report, Dr. Lobdell noted that this was the first report from the committee. He noted that the cover page (page 33 of the agenda) third paragraph mentions attachment 2, this is not attached on the advice of the committee, as it was very lengthy.

Dr. Lobdell commented that the committee is very pleased with the first round of program reviews. The schedule of reviews are now inaccurate, as there have been changes. A complete and current schedule can be found on the Faculty of Graduate Studies website.

X ADDITIONAL BUSINESS NONE

XI ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 7, combined with the agenda, pages 17 to 38, distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on January 4, 2006.

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